

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ernest A. Voisin

Serial No.: 09/121,725

Filed: July 24, 1998

For: "A Process of Elimination of
Bacteria in Shellfish, of Shucking"



Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: D. Becker

Date: March 30, 2000

Batch No.: F68

To the Honorable Commissioner
Of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER RULE 312(b)

Dear Sir:

The applicant respectfully petitions for amendment in one of the claims in the instant application after payment of the issue fee. As basis for the Petition, the applicant respectfully submits that an inadvertent typographical error was made in Claim 7 at the time when a Response to the Office Action of July 21, 1999, filed on October 21, 1999.

In the Response, the applicant amended Claim 7 to place Claim 7 in condition for allowance. Due to an inadvertent error, Claim 7 was amended to read, *inter alia* in line 2, "**liquid-permeable bags...**" Original Claim 7 of the application, as filed, read in the relevant portion, "**liquid-impermeable bags...**" The claim should indeed include the recitation of **liquid-impermeable bags**.

Having discovered the inadvertent error, the applicant now petitions for amendment of Claim 7.

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No new matter is introduced, and the now-presented amendment merely seeks to correct the typographical error made in the Response. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment concerns a formal change in a claim without changing the scope thereof. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas S. Keaty".

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